

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES OF FULL BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA
JULY 12, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA

PRESIDING OFFICER: John T. Wise, DVM, Vice-President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Taryn Singleton, LVT
Jana Froeling, DVM
James DeBell, DVM
Dorothy Blackwell

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Jeannette Meade, Administrative Specialist
Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General
Sandra Ryals, Director, Dept. of Health Professions
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Keane, LVT
Melinda Freckleton, DVM
Ken Fletcher
Susan Seward, Va. Veterinary Medical Assoc.
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM
Debra Linten
Lindsay Potts
Jayme Leonard
Kimberly Murphy

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment was received from Kris Keane, LVT of the VALVT regarding its concern that veterinary technicians will be losing some of their practice rights under HB2363. (comments are attachment I)

Comment was received from Kimberly Murphy, of the Virginia Equine Dental Technician Association, asking that the Board set up an Ad Hoc Committee to help draft information regarding sedation and standards for approving training programs.

STATEMENT FROM MS. RYALS: Ms. Ryals described her meeting with Secretary

Tavener and she requested that the Board expedite the formulation of regulations for equine dental technicians. Secretary Tavener expressed the urgency for allowing this occupation to legally practice in Virginia.

EQUINE DENTAL TECHNICIANS: SEDATION ISSUE:

Scotti Russell, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, addressed the Board regarding the use of sedation by technicians and the owners of the horses. Ms. Russell stated that all prescription drugs are controlled substances. She stated that the veterinarian could write a prescription for a sedative which could either be filled at a pharmacy or the veterinarian could dispense directly to the owner. The owner could administer to his own horse, with the exception of sedation drugs that are listed in the Drug Control Act. Drugs cannot be dispensed to an entire herd. It must be written for a specific animal.

FAST TRACK REGULATIONS:

Ms. Yeatts distributed the draft regulations for equine dental technicians (attachment II).

18 VAC 150-20-30

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to accept this section as proposed in the handout.

18 VAC 150-20-100

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to accept this section as proposed in the handout.

18 VAC 150-20-140

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to amend #2 to read "Practicing veterinary medicine, or equine dentistry, where an unlicensed person has the authority to control the professional judgment of the licensed veterinarian."

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to accept this section as amended.

18 VAC 150-20-220

Some discussion took place on this section. It was stated that criteria has not been established for B.2, which deals with completion of a Board approved training program. It was also stated that the law prohibits veterinary technicians from practicing equine dentistry. Ms. Singleton asked

if veterinary technicians will have to complete subsections A & B of this section and was told by Ms. Yeatts that they would. It was also discussed that subsection A should be amended to add that when a veterinarian attests to having observed the equine dental applicant practicing, it must be the immediately preceding five years.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to accept this section with the amendment to subsection A as stated above.

18 VAC 150-20-230

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to accept this section as proposed.

18 VAC 150-20-240

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to amend Section C.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the fast tract regulations on equine dentistry as amended.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION:

Mr. Halblieb, Assistant Attorney General presented information relating to **Jack A. Cochrane, DVM.**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Jack A. Cochrane, DVM.** Additionally, it was moved that Elizabeth Young, Executive Director, and Jeanette Mead, Administrative Assistant, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to suspend the license of **Jack A. Cochrane, DVM**, and to notice him for a Formal Hearing on August 8, 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling the

Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Legislative/Regulatory meeting of March 8, 2007.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of May 9, 2007 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Informal Hearings of May 10, 2007 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Equine Dental Technician Committee of June 13, 2007 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Froeling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Informal Hearing of June 14, 2007 as presented.

BYLAWS APPROVAL:

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Bylaws as presented by Ms. Young.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

John T. Wise, DVM, Vice-President

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director